

Steven Arthur Willes

1850-1950 Centennial Biography

Stephen Arthur Willes, son of Lyman Benjamin Willes and Sarah Munn, was born September 16, 1883, in Lehi, Utah, where he has resided until the present time (1950) with the exception of one year when he lived in Manti, Sanpete County, Utah. When he was eight years of age he was baptized in the Manti Temple. He married Florence Smith, born September 19, 1886, at American Fork, Utah, youngest daughter of Warren B. Smith and his first wife Libby Mercer.

He worked at the Elgin Dairy in Lehi for two years, and then operated a sweet cream business for himself for the next eighteen years.

He served as city police and motor vehicle inspector from 1920 to 1924, at which time he was appointed deputy sheriff of Utah County, to John D. Boyd, until 1930. In 1930 and 1931, he served as Federal Prohibition Officer under George Goates and German Ellsworth. He followed the seasonal occupation of sheep-shearing and operated a small farm from 1932 to 1941, when he began to work as a carpenter.

He has always remained active in the church. He sent his son, Paul on a two-year mission to the North-western States with the help and support of this wife, Florence. Mrs. Willes has always been diligent in the women's organizations of the ward. They have reared an honorable family, consisting of the following: Douglas married Zina Johnson; Echo married Byran Bean; Bell married James Davis; Cassel married Marie Thrasher; Helen, married Howard Hinchcliff; Dean, married Leatrice Wagstaff, and Paul unmarried.